

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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Claims 1-5 (Cancelled).

6. (Previously presented) The method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser as set forth in claim 9 wherein the plurality of plastic tubes are fused by heating under a pressure after sandwiching the portion to be fused between a pair of pieces made of a plastic identical to that of the plastic tubes.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn).

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) A method for preparing an annular sustained release pheromone-dispenser comprising arranging a plurality of continuous plastic tubes wherein said tubes have a diffusivity and a permeability
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to a liquid synthetic sex pheromone; ^{ABS IN 1-3} ~~filled with a~~ filling the tubes with the liquid synthetic sex pheromone by aspiration; ~~fusing the tubes at a range of 2 to 15 mm together~~ at predetermined points by heating under pressure to connect the tubes to each other and to seal each tube at that point the points; cutting the tubes at a middle of each such fused portion to produce a dispenser composed of two side by side tubes having closely sealed both end portions which are connected to each other and a central portion; and pulling apart the central portion to separate the central portion of each tube from the central portion of the other tube.
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